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UNEMPLOYMENT IN MINING INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether unemployment is increasing rapidly in Bihar, Jharkhand and other States due to the closure of mining industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, industry-wise, State and Union Territory-wise; (

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) & (b): As per information made available by Indian Bureau of Mines some instances of workers being laid off due to closure of mines has come to the notice of Government as per details given below:-

Sl.No.	Name of Mining Company	Year of closing	State	No. of workers laid off	Status of laid off workers
1.	Bharat Gold Mines Ltd.	2001	Karnataka	2585	Termination benefits given
2.	Kudremukh Iron ore Co. Ltd	2005	Karnataka	700	Employees deployed in other mines
3.	Hindustan Copper Ltd.	2003	Jharkhand	Not available	Re-deployed employees in other mines
4.	M/s Pyrite Phosphates & Chemical Ltd.	2003	Bihar	500	Termination benefits given

(c) & (d) : With the enunciations of National Mineral Policy , in 1993, mining sector has been liberalized and mining operation depends broadly on economic viability, availability of mineral resources and impinging court orders, if any.